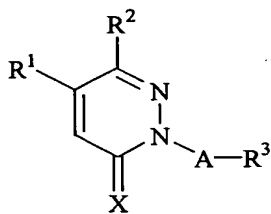


## ABSTRACT

This invention relates to a method of inhibiting OPN production, which comprises administering an effective amount of a pyridazine derivative represented by the following formula

5 (I) or a salt thereof:

[Chemical Formula 10]



(I)

wherein:

$R^1$  means a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or pyridyl  
10 group;

$R^2$  means a substituted phenyl group;

$R^3$  means a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl or pyridyl group;

A means a single bond, a  $C_{1-6}$  linear or branched alkylene  
15 group, or a  $C_{2-9}$  linear or branched alkenylene group; and

X means an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom.